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"...SURGE WILL REPLACE HIM, AND I WILL KEEP THE BRAVADO ON A LEASH."

YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD TOUCH ME? PATHETIC!

## STORY SO FAR



"THUS KITSUNAMI WAS MODELED AFTER SONIC'S MOST BENEFICIAL ALLY: TAILS."

Y-YES, MA'AM. THANK YOU, MA'AM.



WE WILL ENTER ON THE SOUTH END. I WILL INFILTRATE THE WESTERN CONTROL TOWER AND UPLOAD THE COMMAND PROGRAM.

SURGE, YOU'LL BE ESCORTING KITSUNAMI TO THE EASTERN COMMS TOWER TO ENSURE NO ALERTS ARE BROADCAST TO THE EGGNET.



THE VEIL HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM MY EYES. I WILL SUPPLANT THE DOCTOR AND PROVE MY METHODS SUPERIOR.

ONCE HE'S SEEN THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS, I WILL WELCOME HIM BACK TO MY SIDE, AND WE CAN RULE THIS WORLD TOGETHER.



UH-HUH. I KNOW A LOT OF WHAT, BUT NOT A LOT OF WHY.

MY OWN THOUGHTS AREN'T ADDING UP. I KNOW THE DOC IS THE CENTER OF IT.



WHERE DO WE START?

STARLINE NEEDS TO HEAR HIMSELF TALK. WE FIND HIS RECORDS. WE FIND OUT WHAT HE DID TO US. AND THEN WE MAKE HIM HURT FOR IT.





***DR. STARLINE***

Theatrical Scientist.  
Nefarious puppeteer.



***SURGE THE TENREC***

The Mean Green.  
Roguish speedster.



***KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC***

Sorrowful Sidekick.  
High-flying hydromancer.



FILE: SON-1CO-25B

EGGMAN...  
DOCTOR EGGMAN...  
REJECTED ME. I  
WORKED... SO HARD...  
TO HELP HIM. AND HE...  
HE ROBS ME! HAS ME  
THROWN INTO THE  
WILDERNESS!\*

\*STH #25--EDS.

FILE: SON-1CO-25B

IF HE WON'T  
ACCEPT MY  
HELP, HE'LL BE  
MADE TO  
SEE!

SEE THIS FRAME I PROTOTYPED?!  
IT'S REVOLUTIONARY! I WAS  
GOING TO SHOW HIM THE CONCEPT,  
BUT NOW I'LL GIVE HIM A  
LIVE DISPLAY!

A-A-AND  
IT'LL RUN RINGS  
AROUND METAL  
SONIC! WHATEVER IT  
TURNS OUT TO BE...

FILE: SON-1CO-25B

NO SLOPPILY  
CONSTRUCTED  
BADNIKS! NO  
OVERSPECIALIZED  
VANITY PROJECTS!  
YES! THAT MEANS  
YOU, METAL  
SONIC!

BUT A  
VERSATILE,  
ROBUST,  
SUPERIOR  
CREATION!



FILE: B4D-GU7-048

INTROSPECTION AND REVISION. TWO THINGS MY IDOL LACKS. TWO THINGS I MUST EMBRACE TO SURPASS HIM.



FILE: B4D-GU7-048

MY TIME WITH ZAVOK AND THE OTHERS OPENED MY EYES.\* MY INITIAL PLANS WERE SHORT-SIGHTED.

ALL THE POWER AND OBEDIENCE OF A MACHINE MEANS NOTHING IN THE CHAOTIC AND UNPREDICTABLE WORLD I'M TRYING TO CONTROL.

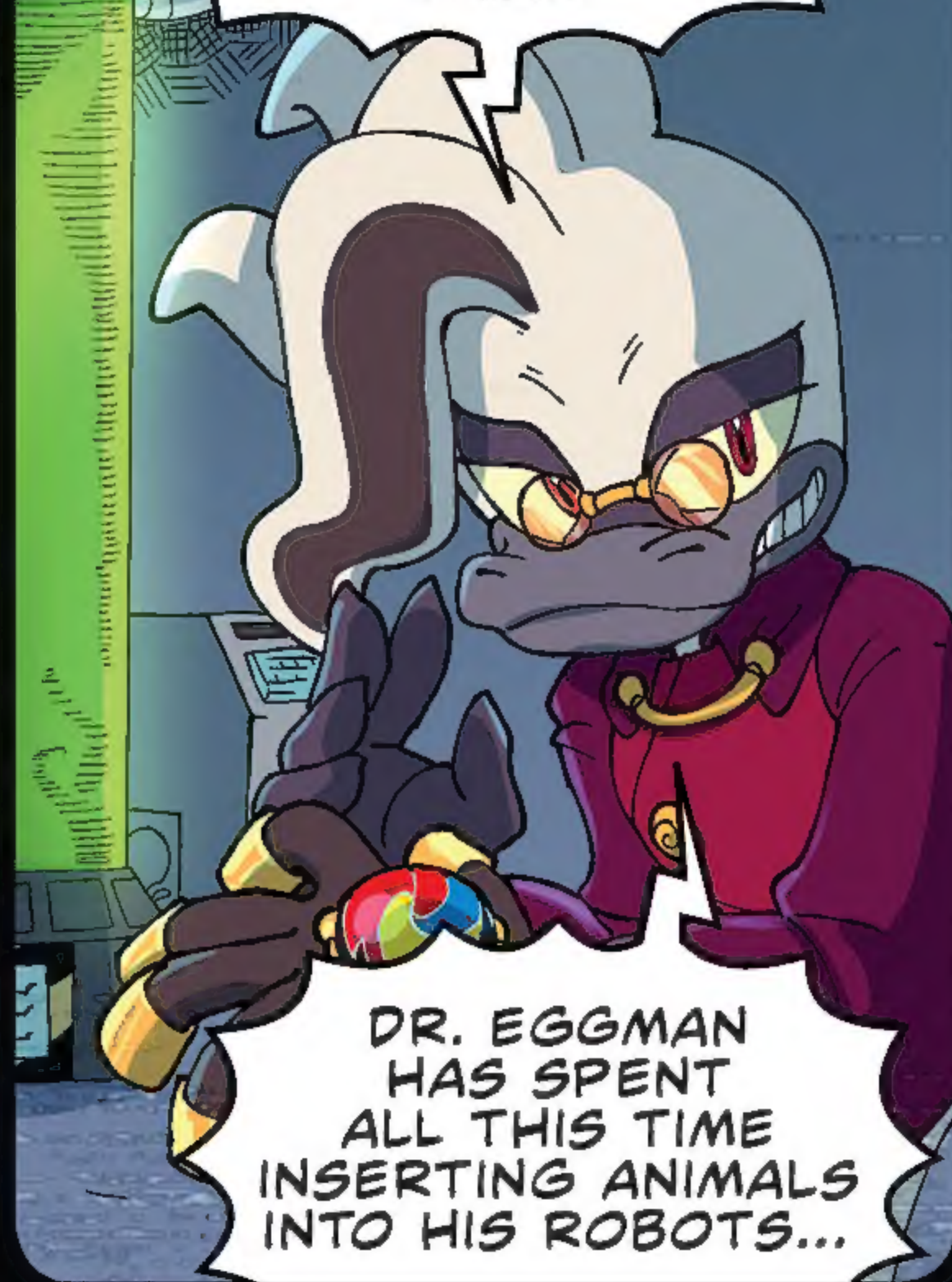
\*STH: BAD GUYS #1-4--EDS.



FILE: B4D-GU7-048

I NEED THE WILL AND INGENUITY OF A LIVING BEING. I NEED TO TAKE MY INITIAL DESIGNS AND FUSE THEM.

DR. EGGMAN HAS SPENT ALL THIS TIME INSERTING ANIMALS INTO HIS ROBOTS...



FILE: B4D-GU7-048

...WHEN THE SOLUTION WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND.







SWEET GAIA BELOW, DOES THIS GUY EVER SHUT UP?

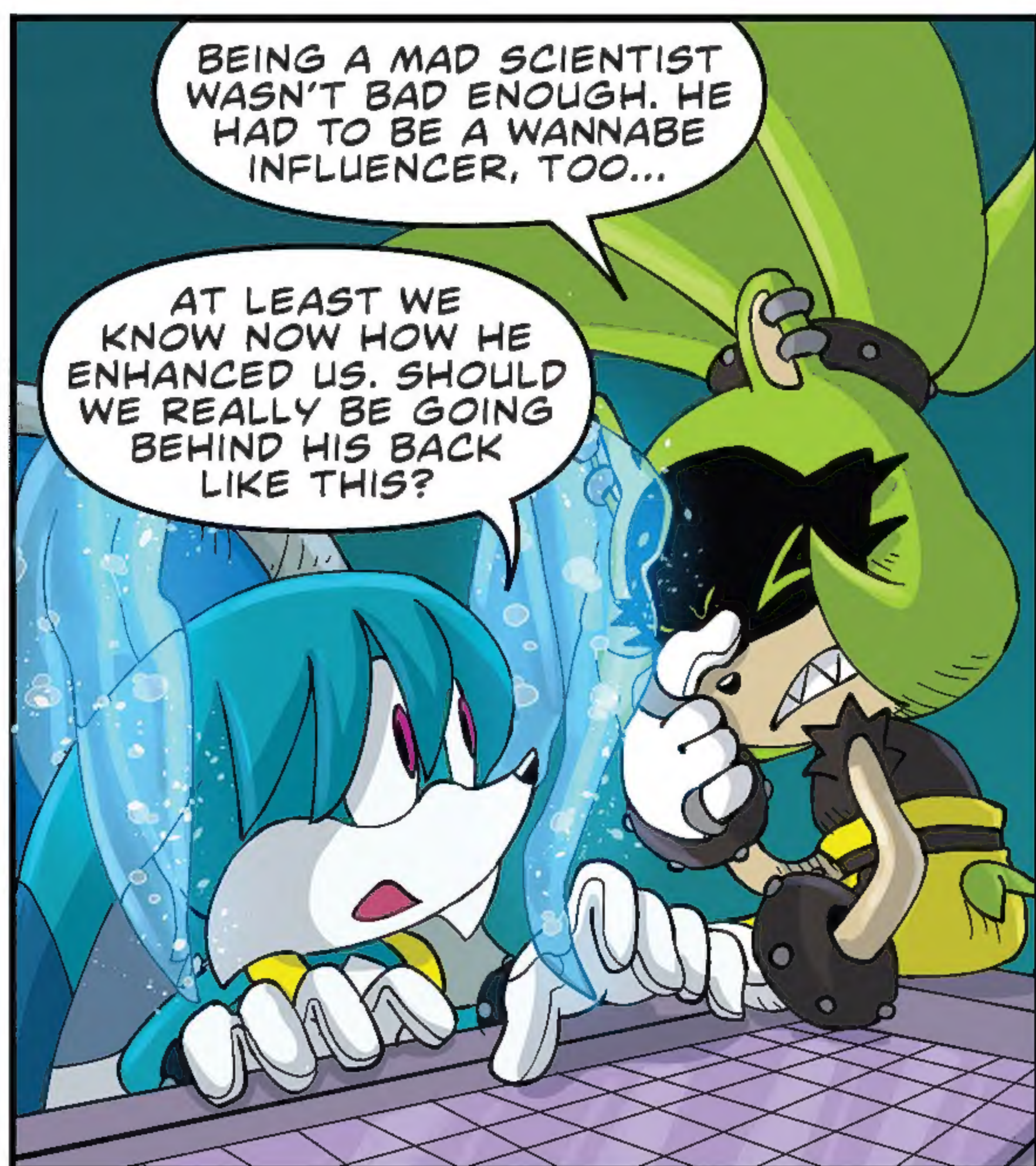


D-DO YOU WANT ME TO LOG OUT?

NO, YOU DID GOOD HACKING INTO STARLINE'S FILES. KEEP DIGGING. I WANT MORE DETAILS.



SEARCHING. HIS ARCHIVES ARE... EXTENSIVE.



BEING A MAD SCIENTIST WASN'T BAD ENOUGH. HE HAD TO BE A WANNABE INFLUENCER, TOO...

AT LEAST WE KNOW NOW HOW HE ENHANCED US. SHOULD WE REALLY BE GOING BEHIND HIS BACK LIKE THIS?



WHEN I WANT YOUR OPINION, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU. MORE DEETS. NOW.

Y-YES MA'AM! I THINK I FOUND SOMETHING...

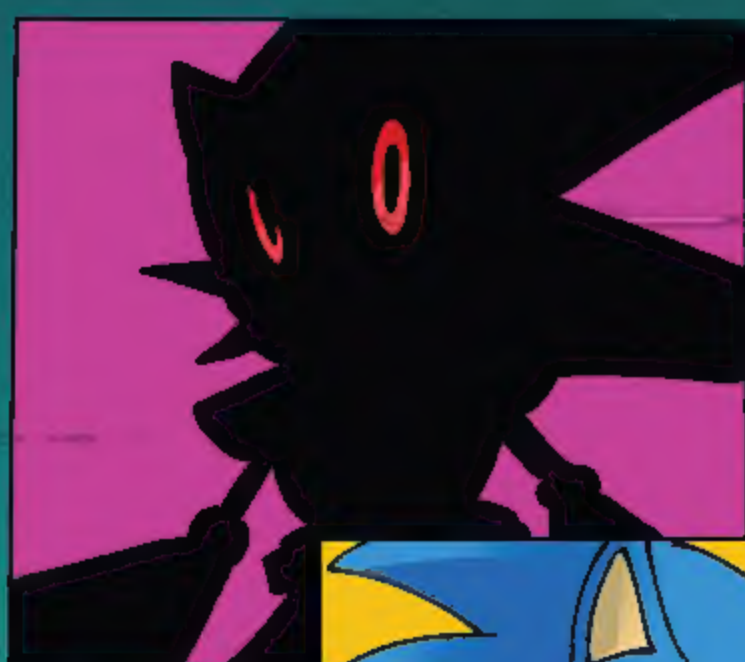


FILE: P05-757-H44

THE CYBERNETIC  
ENHANCEMENTS  
HAVE TAKEN. MY BASE  
MODELS ARE COMPLETE.  
NOW COMES THE  
SPECIALIZATION.

FILE: P05-757-H44

I HAVE  
ASSEMBLED ALL THE  
NECESSARY INGREDIENTS  
TO EMULATE THE  
BIOMECHANICAL MIRACLES  
OF MY ADVERSARIES AND  
INSTALL THEM INTO MY  
CYBERNETIC  
ENFORCERS.



FILE: P05-757-H44

EMULATED, BUT NOT  
REPLICATED. SUBJECT  
"KITSUNAMI" WILL NEED  
EXTERNAL SUPPORT.  
SUBJECT "SURGE" WILL  
NEED ELECTRO-MAGNETIC  
PROPULSION.

BUT I'M  
AIMING TO  
**IMPROVE**  
UPON THINGS,  
NOT MAINTAIN  
THE STATUS  
QUO.



FILE: P05-757-H44

BUT THAT MUCH POWER **MUST** BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL. ONCE AGAIN, I LOOK TO DR. EGGMAN FOR INSPIRATION.

FILE: P05-757-H44

I ACQUIRED THE PROGRAMMING OF ONE OF HIS MORE... UNORTHODOX CONSTRUCTIONS.

WITH HER, I HAD THE MEANS OF FABRICATING A PERSONALITY. OR RATHER **OVERWRITING** EXISTING ONES.

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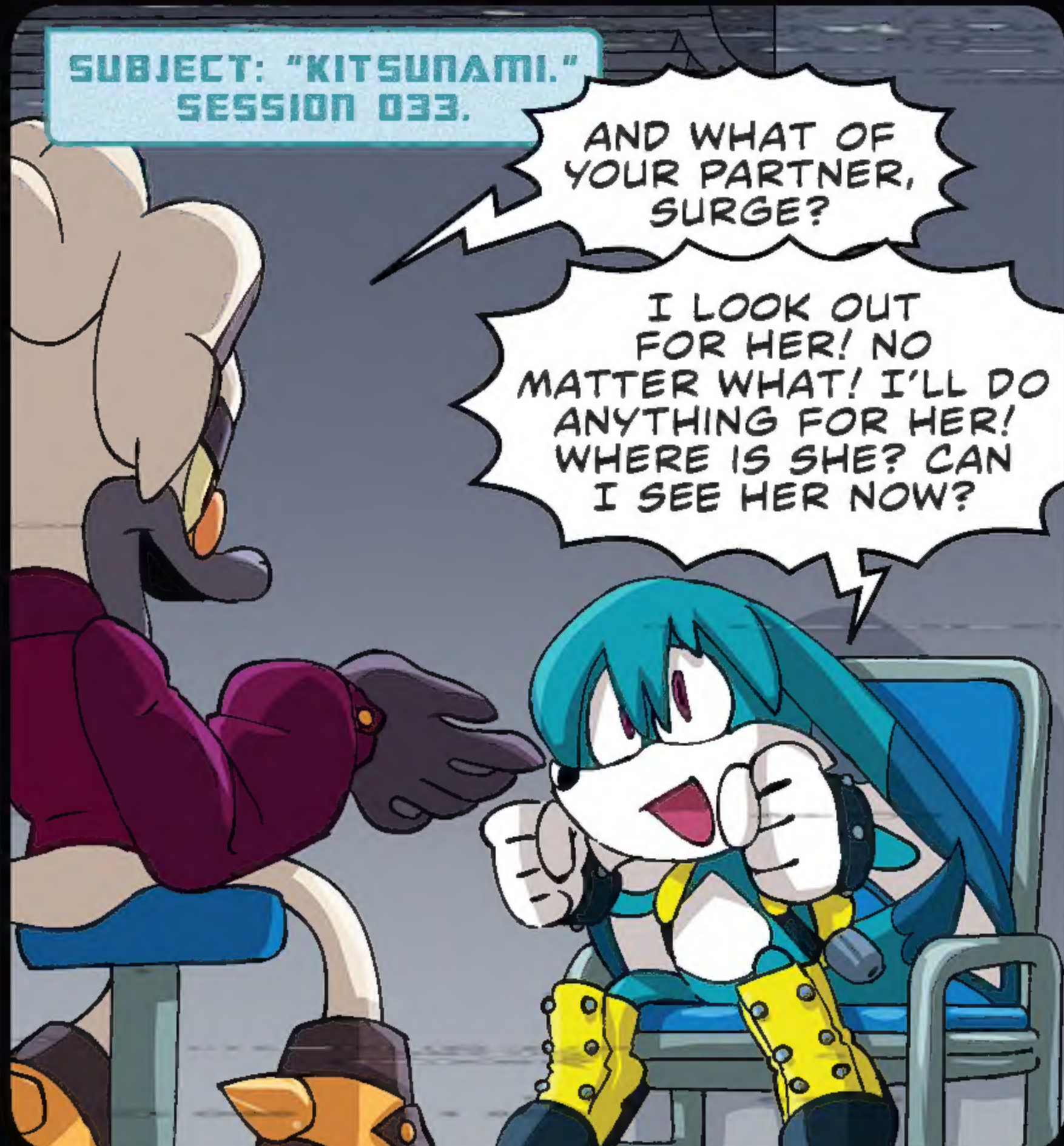
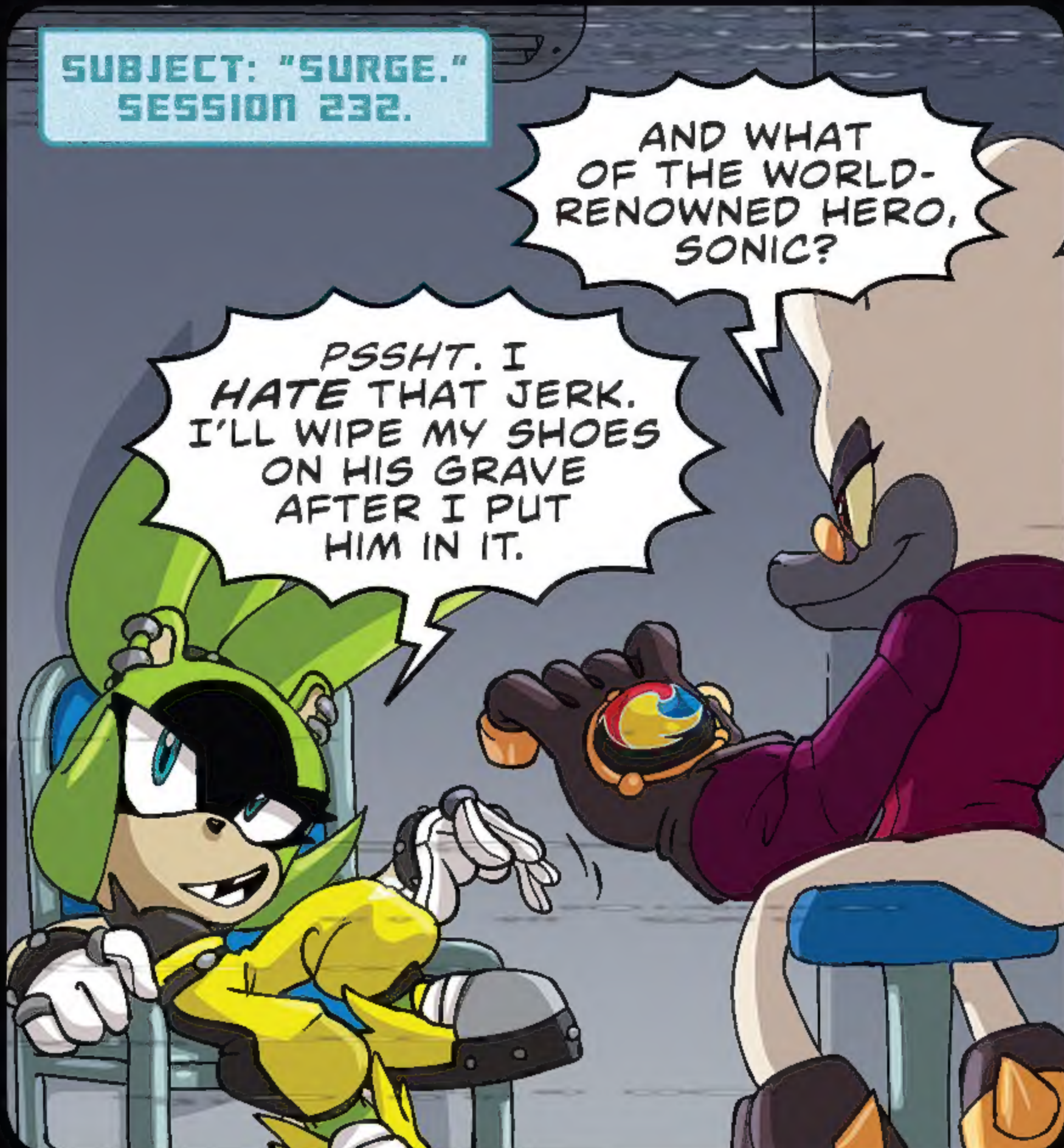
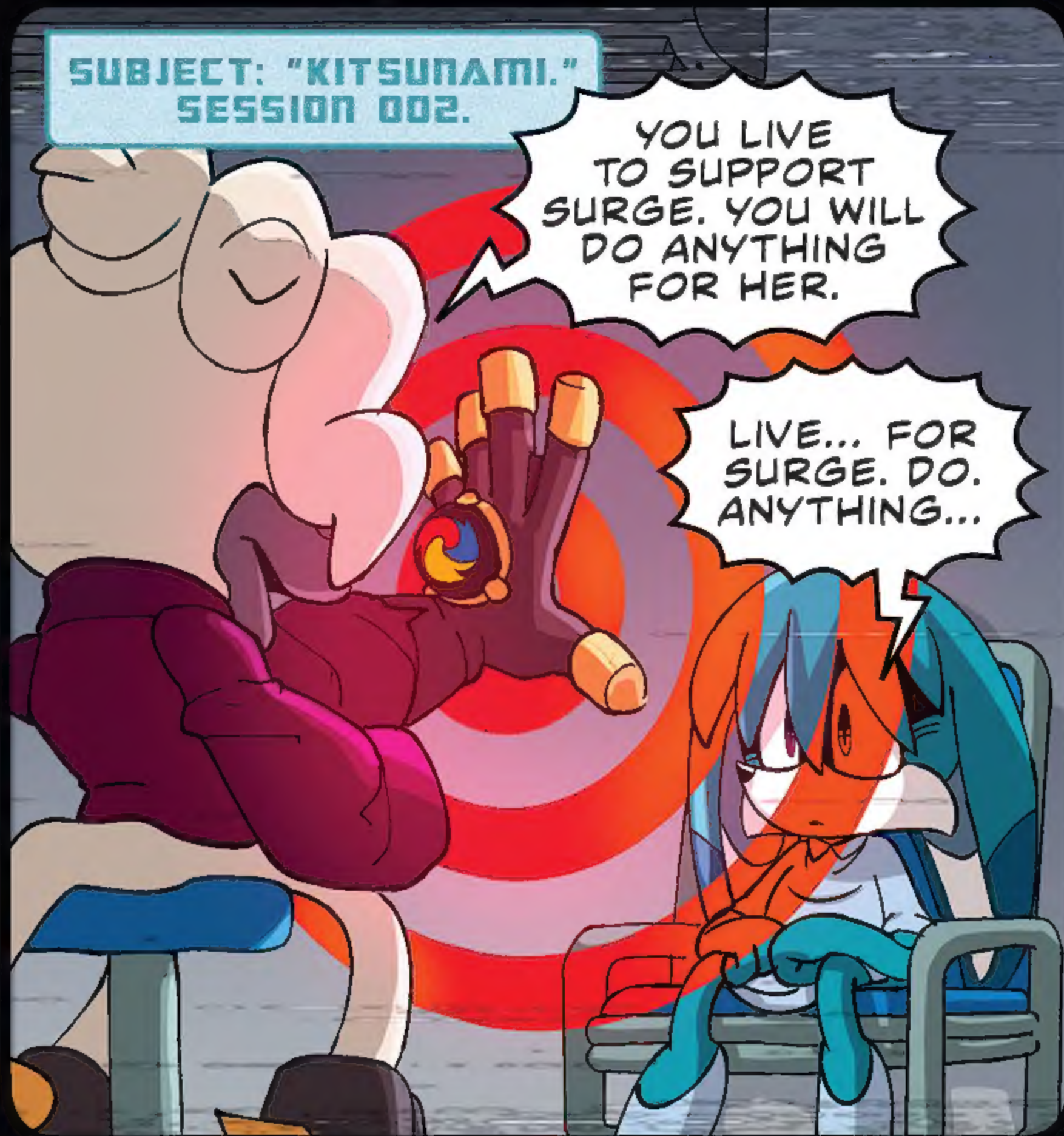
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MY CREATIONS WILL THINK WHAT I WANT THEM TO THINK. WANT WHAT I DESIRE THEM TO WANT. BE WHO I WANT THEM TO **BE**.

AND AS A FAIL-SAFE, THEY'VE BEEN MADE ESPECIALLY PRONE TO MY HYPNOTIC GEAR. JUST IN CASE THEY NEED... REALIGNMENT.









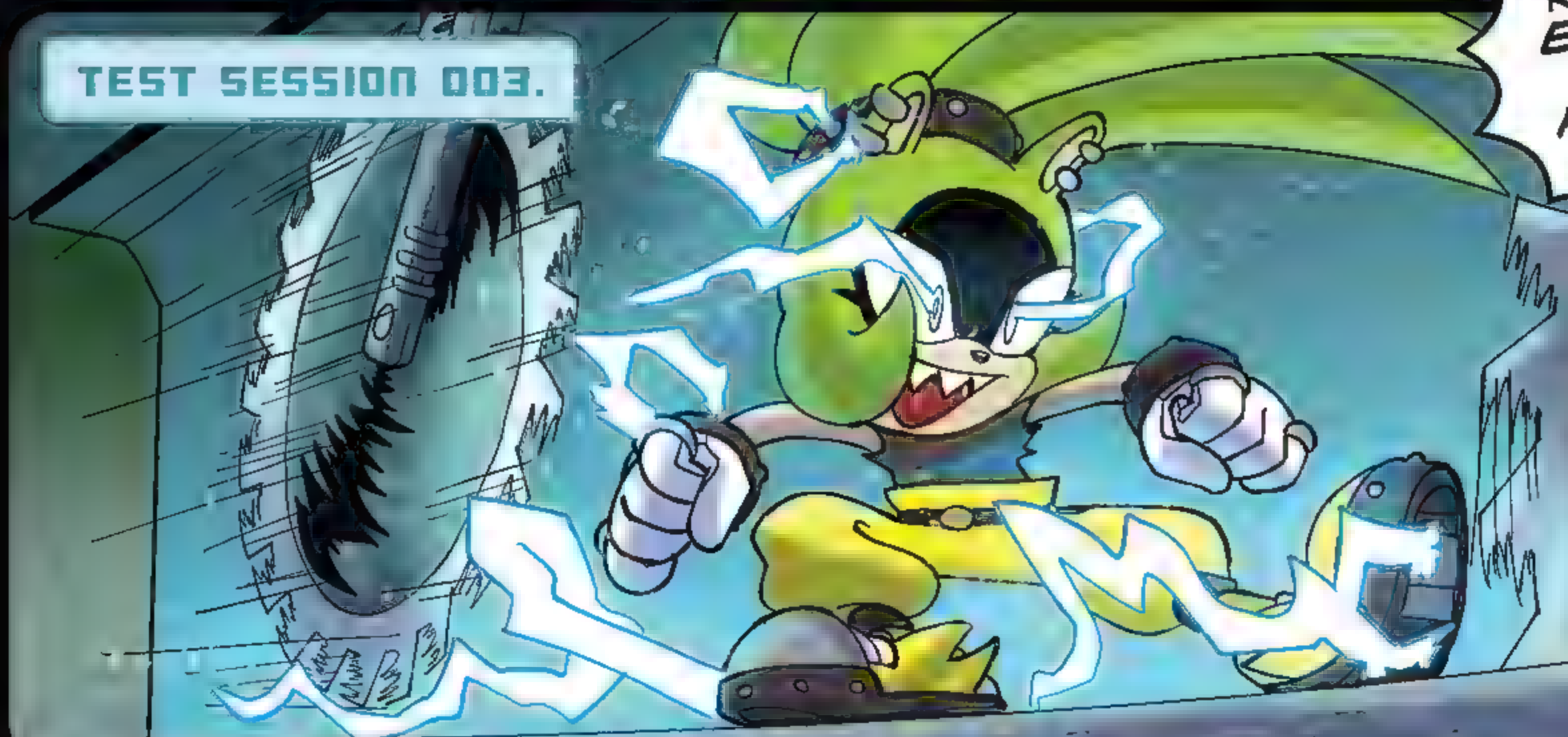
FILE: PR3-IMP-SYM

⚡  
SIGH SO. I HAD  
REPURPOSED THE  
RESILIENCE OF THE  
METAL VIRUS INTO SAFE  
CELLULAR UPGRADES  
TO SUPPLEMENT THE  
ENHANCEMENT  
CYBERNETICS.



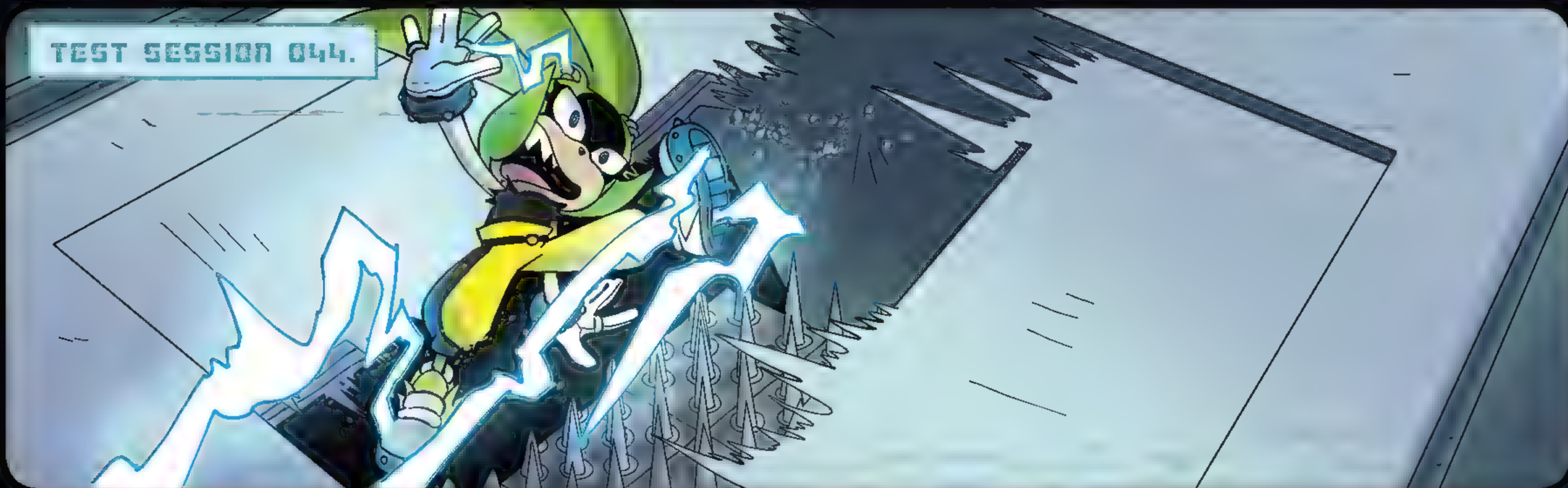
SURGE AND  
KITSUNAMI ARE  
EXCEEDINGLY  
RESILIENT.  
PHYSICALLY.  
BUT...

TEST SESSION 003.

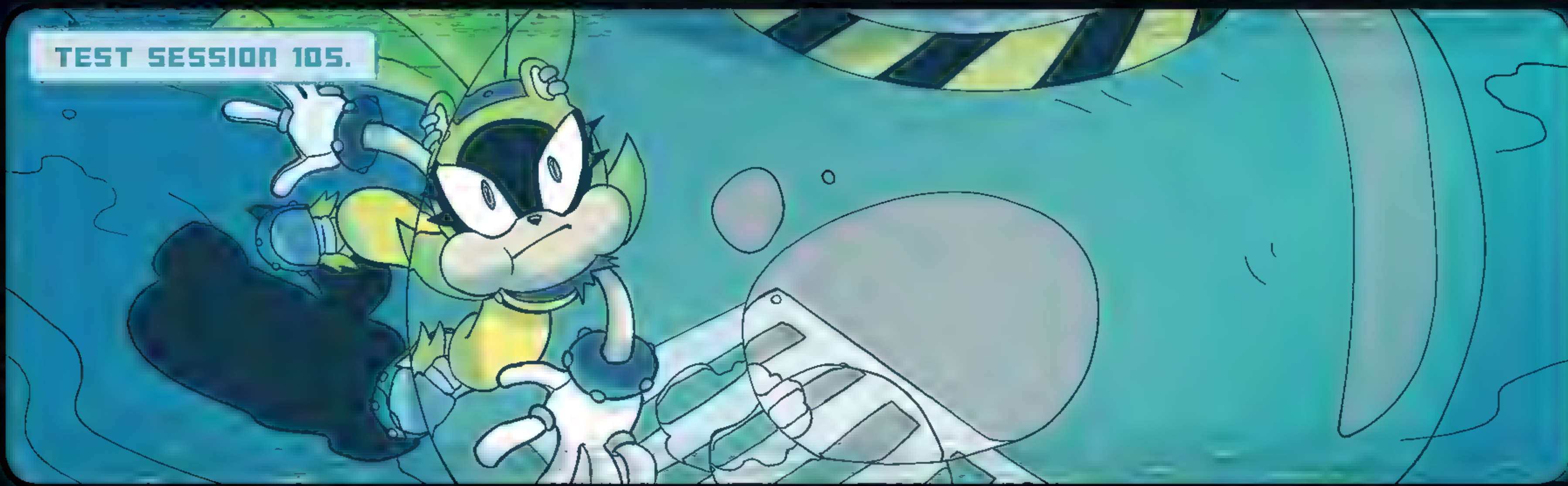


...INSERT  
FILE FOOTAGE  
HERE...

TEST SESSION 044.



TEST SESSION 105.



TEST SESSION 105.



I'M NOT  
RUNNING IT  
AGAIN! YOU  
WANT DATA?!  
YOU RUN IT!



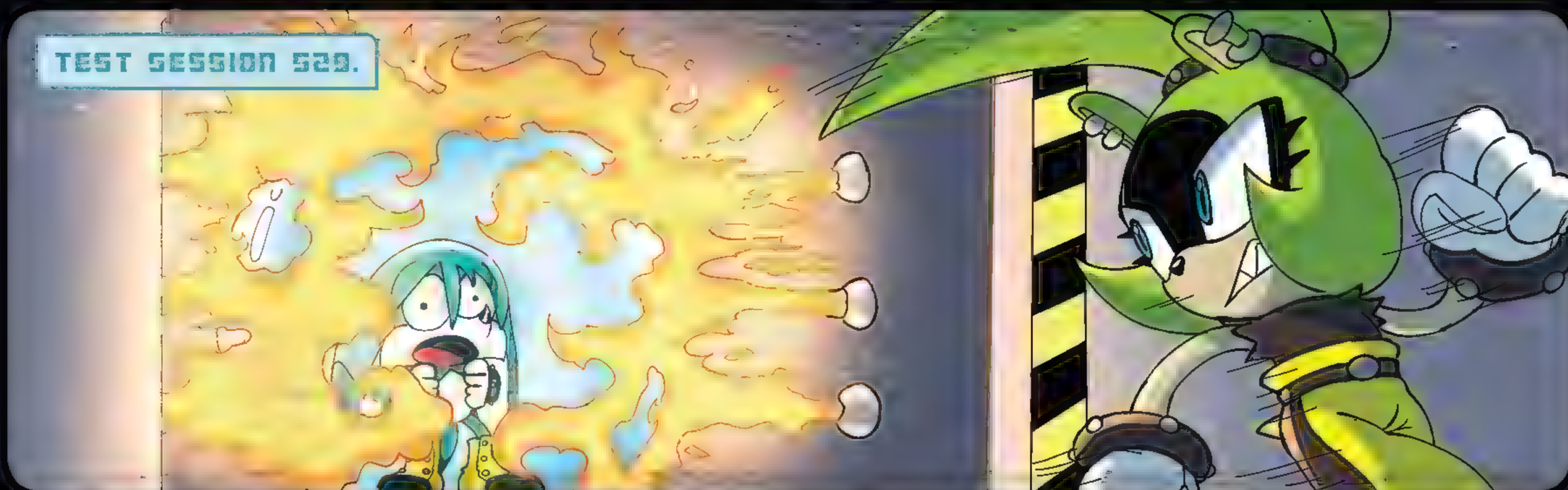
TEST SESSION 337.



TEST SESSION 458.



TEST SESSION 529.



TEST SESSION 601.



SURGE IS STARTING  
HER RUN RIGHT  
NOW. WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE?

I-I-I'M  
S-S-SORRY...

FILE: PR3-IMP-SYM



AN  
UNFORESEEN  
NECESSITY FOR  
THE HYPNOTIC  
VULNERABILITY  
HAS BEEN DEALING  
WITH THE  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
TRAUMA.





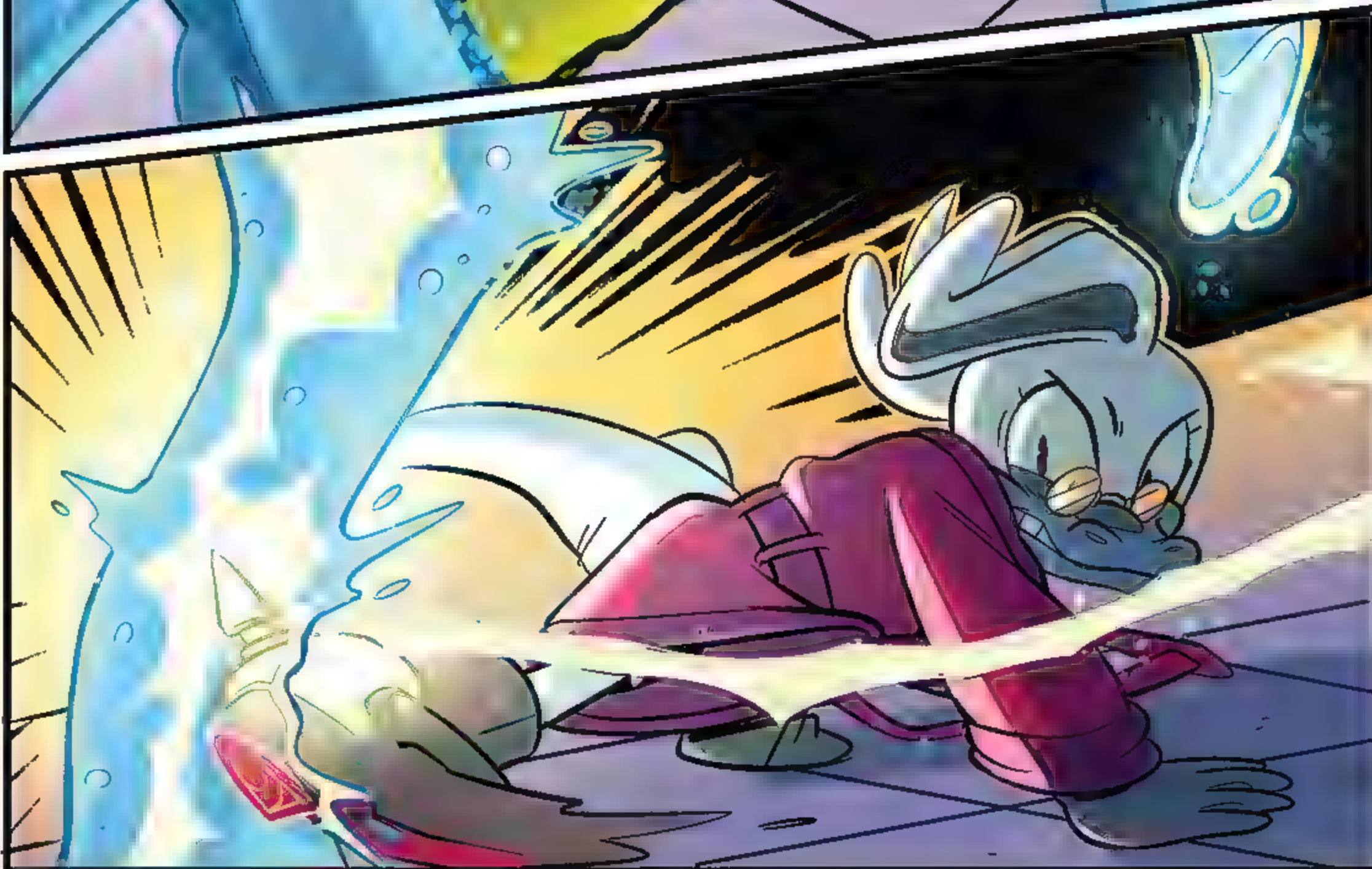




















TOO BAD  
YOU BUILT ME  
FOR BOTH!



AUGH!



I'VE  
INVESTED TOO  
MUCH INTO YOU,  
BUT I WILL PUNISH  
YOU FURTHER IF  
NECESSARY.

YOU  
MORON...



...FIRST?  
YOU MADE ME  
HEAL REAL  
FAST. AND  
SECOND?



YOU  
FORGOT  
ABOUT  
KIT.

NO!



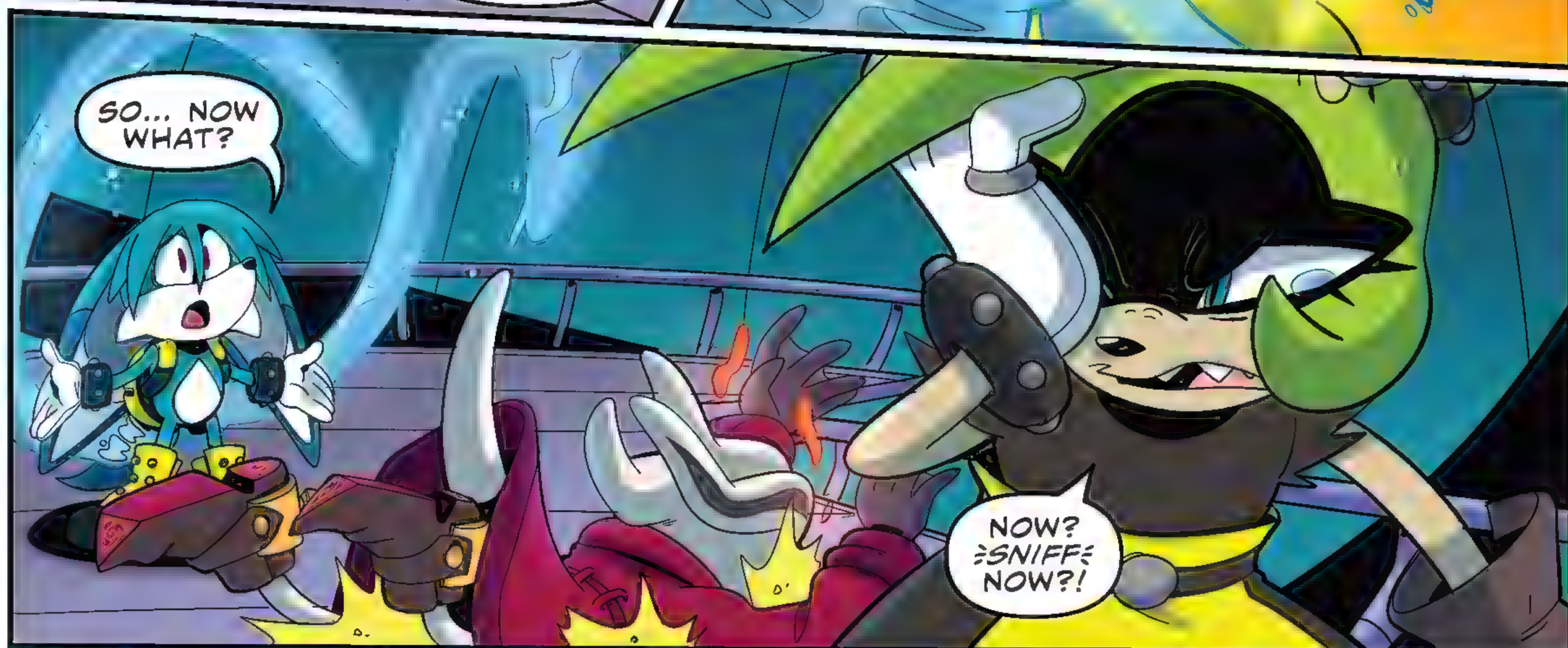


DON'T DO THIS! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS YOUR PASTS! THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MAINTAIN YOUR ENHANCEMENTS!

I BUILT YOU FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE! WE WILL--

HOLD HIM.

SHUT. UP.



SO... NOW WHAT?

NOW?  
=SNIFF=  
NOW?!



WE BURN IT ALL DOWN! SONIC! EGGMAN! EVERY IDIOT THAT FOLLOWS EITHER OF THEM!

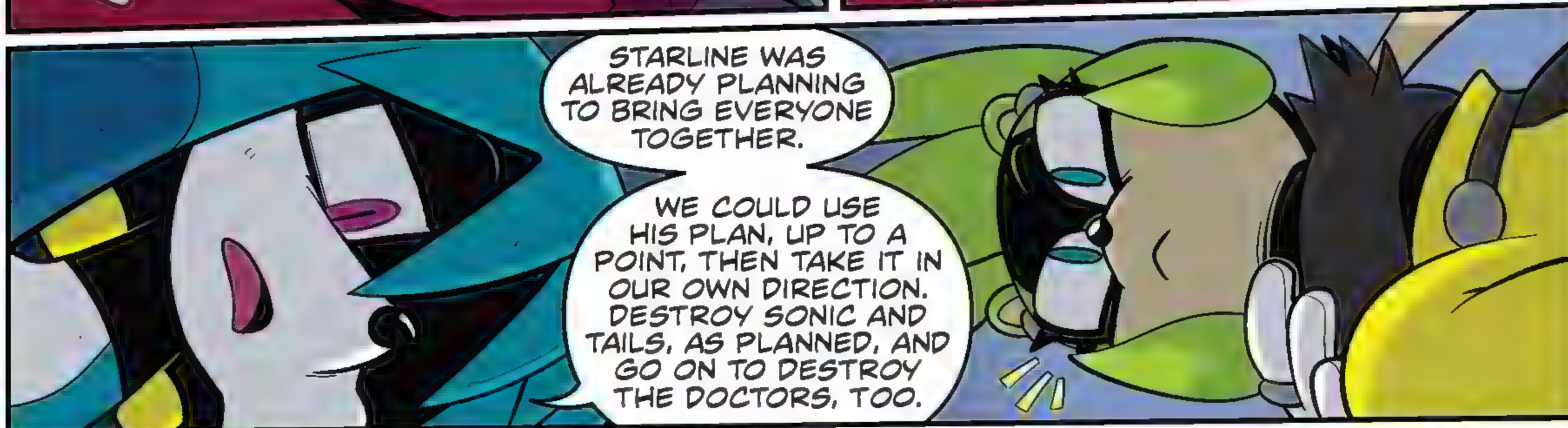
WE END IT ALL! NO MORE HEROES! VILLAINS! NOTHING!

IF WE DON'T GET A PAST, THEY DON'T GET A FUTURE!

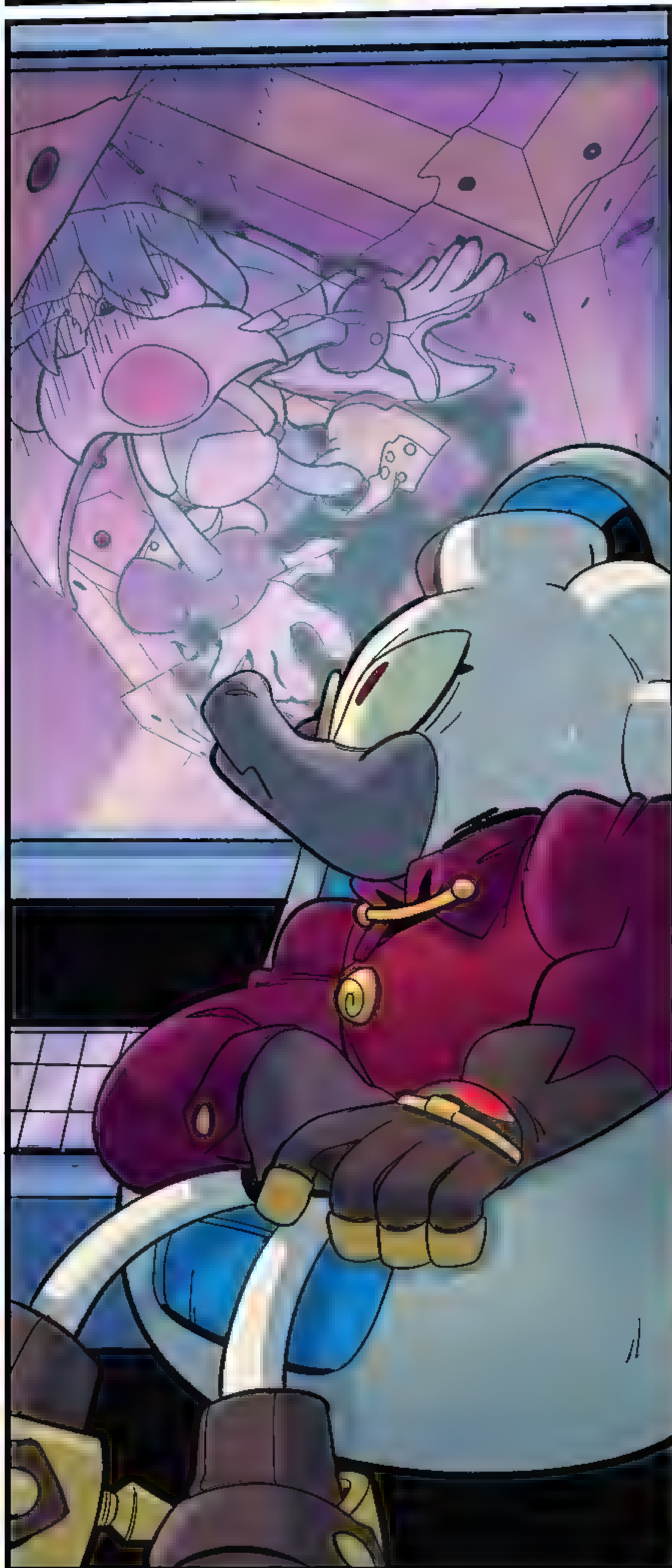
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HOW?











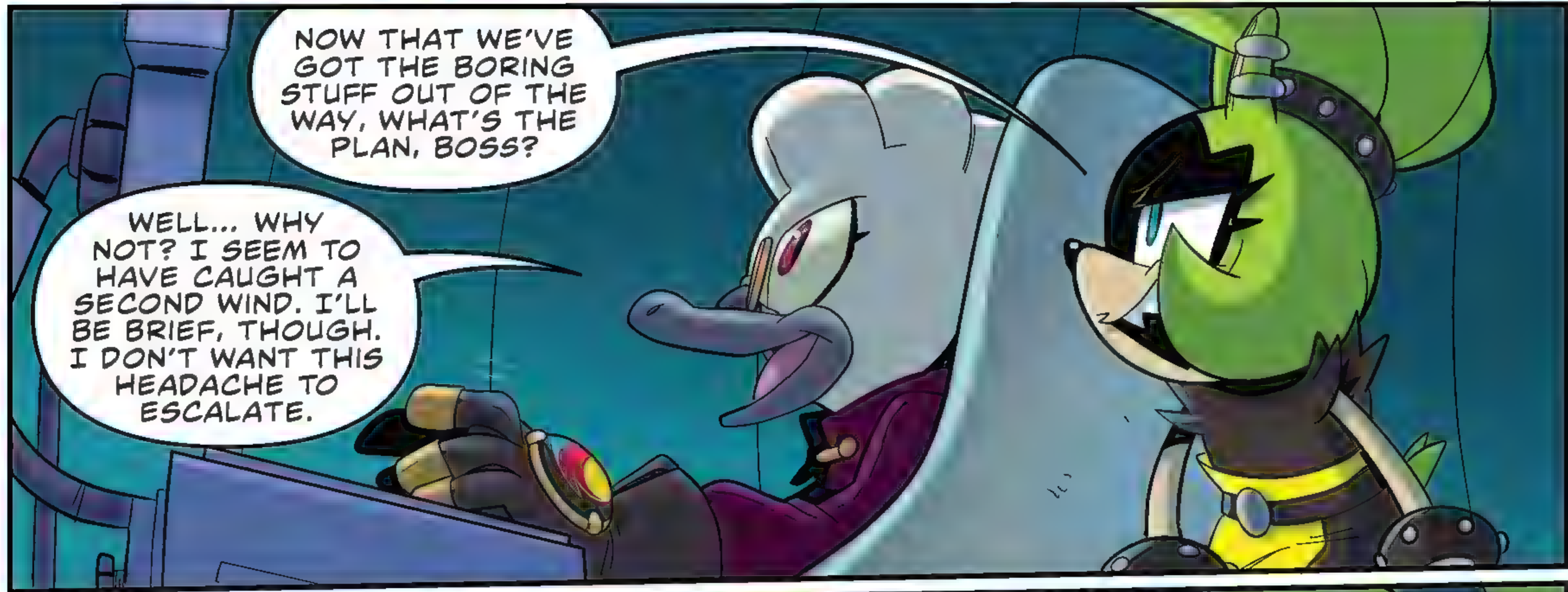






HA! WELL THEN... GOOD. I'M GLAD WE'RE PAST THAT MILESTONE.

I REALLY OUGHT TO STICK TO MY SCHEDULE IF I'M WORKING MYSELF TO EXHAUSTION LIKE THAT, THOUGH...



NOW THAT WE'VE GOT THE BORING STUFF OUT OF THE WAY, WHAT'S THE PLAN, BOSS?

WELL... WHY NOT? I SEEM TO HAVE CAUGHT A SECOND WIND. I'LL BE BRIEF, THOUGH. I DON'T WANT THIS HEADACHE TO ESCALATE.



AS THE RESTORATION FOCUSED ON REBUILDING, SO, TOO, DID DR. EGGMAN. WE'LL BE INVADING HIS NEW CAPITAL CITY, WHICH IS WHERE I'LL UPLOAD MY OVERRIDE PROGRAM.


SCRAMBLE THE EGGMAN WITH HIS OWN BOTS. LOVE IT!



NO. WE ARE TO PACIFY DR. EGGMAN. SONIC AND TAILS ARE OUR ONLY TERMINAL TARGETS.

MY BAD.





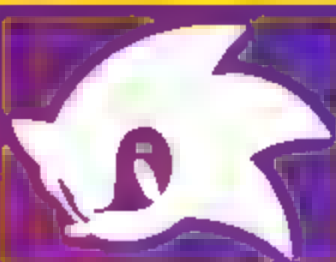
OUR  
ACTIVITIES THERE  
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY  
GRAB THE ATTENTION  
OF THE HEROES AND  
LURE THEM IN.

THE  
BADNIKS WILL BE  
SUFFICIENT FOR  
ANCILLARY SUPPORT,  
FREEING YOU TWO  
UP TO FOCUS ON  
WHAT YOU WERE  
MADE FOR.

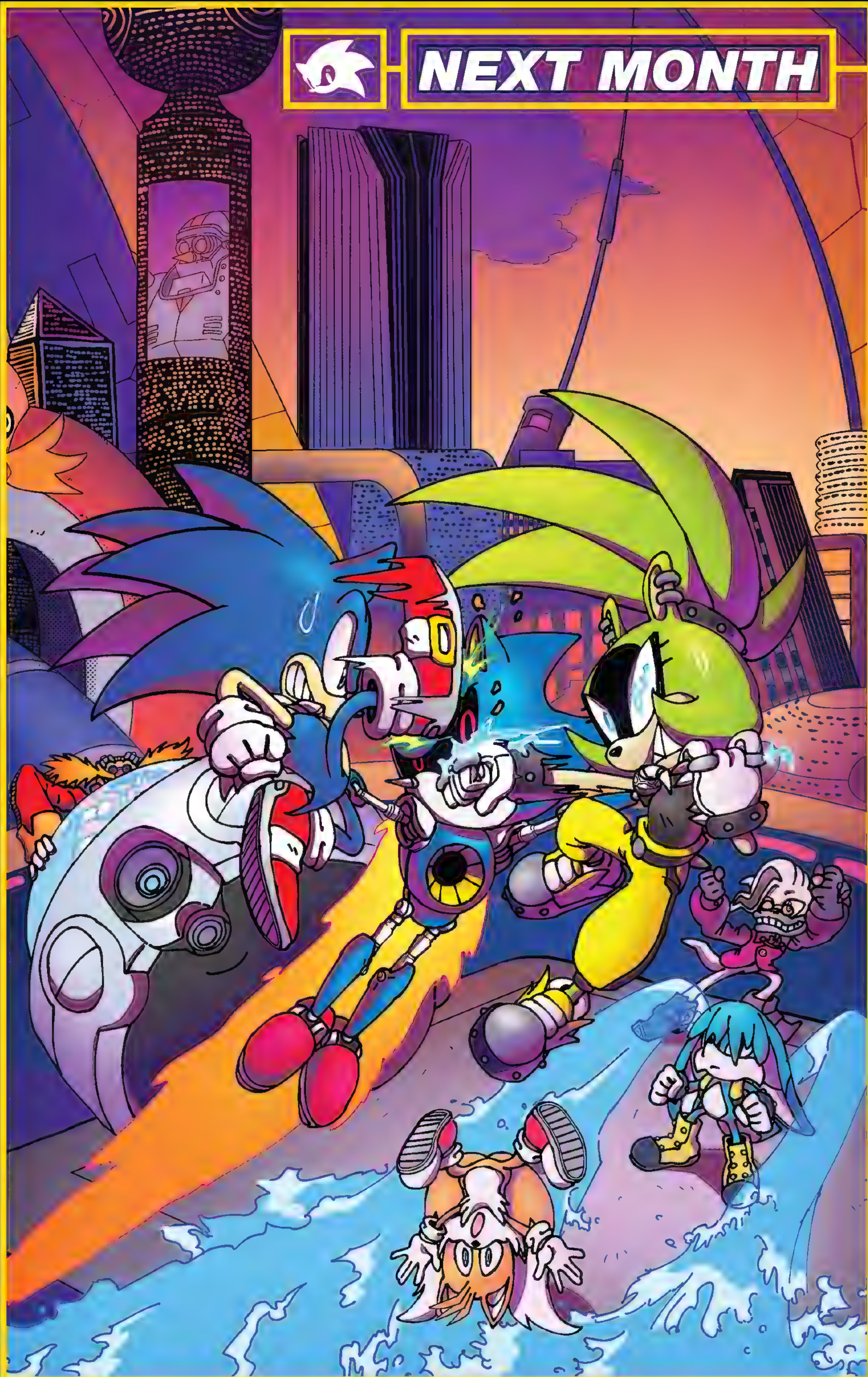
ONCE YOU'VE  
SEPARATED AND  
CORNERED YOUR  
TARGETS, YOU WILL  
STRIKE WITH ALL  
YOUR FEROCITY  
AND WITH ZERO  
REMORSE...

**NEXT TIME:**  
**INVADING THE**  
**EGGMAN EMPIRE!**





**NEXT MONTH**





# SONIC

# LETTERS SQUAD



*Hello, Imposters! Does anyone else think Surge is losing it a bit? Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Thomas Rothlisberger, Mauro Fonseca, Valentina Pinto, and Shawn Lee for Imposter Syndrome #3! Our inbox has been flooded with Imposter Syndrome art, so check out some below!*

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**LIFE IS GOOD IN GREEN HILLS... BUT MAYBE *TOO*  
GOOD. SONIC'S GROWING BORED, AND WHEN  
THAT HAPPENS, THINGS BECOME A LOT LESS  
BORING FOR EVERYONE ELSE — *FAST!***



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